

## Recall -- Firm Press Release

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# Trader Joe's Recalls Raw Walnuts Because of Possible Health Risk

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** — March 17, 2015 — Monrovia, CA — Trader Joe's Company is recalling Raw Walnuts because these products have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled Trader Joe's Raw Walnuts were distributed to Trader Joe's stores nationwide.

The products are packaged in clear plastic bags with the UPC Codes printed on the back. For the Raw California Walnut products, the "BEST BY" dates and Lot Numbers can be found printed on the back of the packages. For the Organic Raw Walnut products, the "BEST BY" dates can be found printed on the front of the packages.

All potentially affected Raw Walnut products are as follows:

00373685	Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Walnut Pieces – 16oz	12/2015	GU

00943338	<b>Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Walnut Halves &amp; Pieces – 16 oz</b>	12/2015	GU GU GU
00519342	<b>Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Walnut Baking Pieces – 16 oz</b>	12/2015	GU
00519328	<b>Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Premium Walnut Halves – 16oz</b>	12/2015	GU GU GU GU
00586627	<b>Trader Joe's Organic Raw Walnut Halves &amp; Pieces – 12oz</b>	OCT 15 2015 OCT 16 2015 OCT 17 2015 OCT 20 2015 OCT 21 2015 NOV 17 2015 NOV 18 2015 NOV 19 2015 NOV 20 2015 NOV 28 2015 DEC 01 2015	A

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by an outside company contracted by the FDA revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in certain packages of Trader Joe's Raw Walnuts.

Out of an abundance of caution, Trader Joe's removed all lots of these products from store shelves and will suspend sale of these products while the FDA and the manufacturers involved continue their investigation into the source of the problem.

To date, Trader Joe's Company has not received any illness complaints related to these recalled products.

Customers who have purchased any of this recalled Raw Walnut product are urged not to eat it, and to dispose of the product or return it to any Trader Joe's for a full refund.

Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817  
[Monday through Friday, 6:00AM to 6:00PM PST].